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TO : Chief, FBIS

FROM : Chief, German Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report -- August 1964

DATE: 9 September 1964

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

1. Summaries of Moscow programs [redacted] 50X1
monitor [redacted] continued to be received and checked 50X1
at the bureau. Arrangements were made at the end of the
month to have [redacted] stand-in begin submitting 50X1
summaries to the bureau for checking.
2. OPS, the East German transmission beamed to U.S. Forces
in West Germany, was monitored for one week, 2300-2330
GMT, at the special request of the Chief, Security Branch,
Camp King. Summaries were mailed to Camp King. The
program was retained on coverage for an additional week's
evaluation, but was found to be unproductive and dropped
from the schedule.

B. Editorial

1. The bureau's file of economic abstracts to Caversham was
increased to a new monthly high of 104, compared with the
20 to 30 generally filed in the past, as a result of
refined selection standards in the form of new instructions
issued to monitors and editors.
2. Bureau operating hours were extended by one hour--to 2400
GMT or 0100 local time--for teletypists, editors, and one
monitor, Monday through Thursday nights, so that more
processed copy can be wirefiled before closing time each
night.
3. A complete two-week check of publishable items wirefiled by
the bureau against items published in the DAILY REPORT
showed a publication percentage for the bureau of 73 percent.

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C. Communications

The new London-Frankfurt full duplex circuit was activated 25 August, the same day the Siegelbach-Frankfurt tie line was installed. Initial performance of the circuit indicated that it will be more dependable than the former circuit and that outages will be corrected more quickly. The DCA Command Communications Service designator for the new circuit is DNKA A239. The Bundespost number for the Frankfurt-Siegelbach tie line is 711925.

D. Lateral Services

The U.S. Embassy in Bonn submitted a "shopping list" of material desired by Ambassador McGhee, with the request that it be forwarded to the Chief, London Bureau who had requested it after talking with Minister Hillebrand of the Bonn embassy in early August. The list was forwarded to Caversham. A copy of the list and the accompanying letter to the chief of London Bureau are attached.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Monitor-translator supervisor [] was presented with a letter of appreciation from the bureau chief in recognition of his outstanding past and present services to the bureau. A copy is attached for inclusion in [] 201 file.

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Attachments:

1. Monthly Classified Personnel Report
2. Monthly Foreign Personnel Report
3. Operations Attachment
4. Copy of Memorandum to Chief, London Bureau, Subject: "Shopping List" for FBIS
5. Copy of Memorandum to [] Subject: Letter of Appreciation 50X1
6. Equipment Attachment

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OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT

- A. Total weekly hours of broadcast monitored 75.16.
- B. Additional, unscheduled monitoring during the month 11 hours.
- C. The bureau filed a total of 219,730 words to headquarters, of which 16,770 were nonpublishable.
- D. Austrian bureau outbound traffic totaling 225,360 words was relayed by the German Bureau.
- E. The bureau filed or relayed 264,970 words of FBIS material to

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F. Unauthorized outages on the Frankfurt-London direct line:
71 hours 50 min.

G. The WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS total wordage was 79,100.

25 August 1964

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[Redacted]
Chief, London Bureau, FBIS
c/o American Embassy
Grosvenor Square
London W. 1, England

Dear Paul:

Subject: Shopping List for FBIS

The attached memorandum from Embassy Counselor Coburn B. Kidd of the Bonn Embassy's Political Affairs Section to a member of the staff [Redacted] contains the Ambassador's "shopping list" of items of interest to him which, according to the memo, you requested through Minister Hillebrandt. It was passed on to me with the request that I forward it to you for further action.

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As far as the German Bureau is concerned, we are already furnishing the Embassy drop copies of all West German voice and press and all East German voice material which we produce for our file to Washington, selected on the basis of merit (by FBIS criteria) and available manpower. We shall continue to do that. If they so desire, we will also include them as recipients of our GDR press file. Generally speaking, this would cover the various types of items shown on the list and concerning the German Bureau. To do more than that, i.e., categorically to process for the Embassy all pertinent material on the shopping list, whenever such items appear and regardless of whether we consider the material suitable for our Washington file, would considerably transcend our capability and would have to be done at the expense of our primary mission.

I am enclosing an additional Zerox copy of the "shopping list" in case you wish to coordinate this with our Liaison and Requirements Staff.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]
Chief, German Bureau, FBIS

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POL:C. Kidd

Shopping List for FBIS

1. You will recall that at the request of Ambassador McGhee, Minister Hillenbrand visited the FBIS office in London on August 7, 1964, to arrange for the Ambassador to receive English language texts of statements made by prominent European statesmen on subjects of interest to him. FBIS London asked Mr. Hillenbrand to forward a "shopping list" of items of interest to the Ambassador so that the requested coverage may be obtained.

2. The Embassy would like to receive translations of the speeches, press releases and other public statements on Southeast Asia, NATO, European integration, Common Market tariff negotiations, Soviet-Chinese relations by:

A. Prominent West German officials such as:

Federal President Heinrich Lübke
Federal Chancellor Ludwig Erhard
State Secretary Dr. Ludger Westrick
Foreign Minister Dr. Gerhard Schröder
State Secretary Dr. Karl Carstens
Interior Minister Herman Hoehnerl
Defence Minister Kai-Uwe von Hassel
Minister for All-German Affairs Dr. Erich Mende
Dr. Konrad Adenauer
Dr. Franz-Josef Strauss
Willy Brandt

B. Prominent French officials such as:

President Charles de Gaulle
Foreign Minister Couve de Murville
Prime Minister Georges Pompidou

C. Other heads of state and international organizations such as:

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev
Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro
Belgian Foreign Minister Paul-Henri Spaak
Chinese Prime Minister Mao-Tse-Tong
United Nations Secretary General U Thant
European Common Market President Walter Hallstein

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D. Heads of government and prominent international figures visiting Germany.

3. I would be most appreciative if you would forward this "shopping list" to FBIS London and FBIS Frankfurt with an expression of our thanks for their willingness to supply this material.

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Chief, Monitoring Section
German Bureau, FBIS

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Dear [redacted]:

Subject: Letter of Appreciation

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Your initiative, interest, and dedication to duty have long been great assets to effective operations of the German Bureau. In particular, you have made noteworthy contributions in helping to establish the bureau's WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS, in maintaining close working relations with such helpful Federal Republic organs as the Central Office for Telecommunications Technology in Darmstadt, and in completing in 1963 a most competent reception survey of East European transmitters at various West German sites.

Your continuing concern for excellence in bureau performance is reflected in the time and care you devote to effecting high monitoring standards among the people you supervise and in implementing radio coverage which contributes optimum results.

It is with real pleasure, therefore, that I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your voluntary return to the bureau in the middle of your vacation so as to be present during the visit 21 to 24 July of [redacted] en route from Tokyo Bureau to headquarters for assignment as Chief, Field Operations Staff, FBIS. Your presence at the bureau during [redacted] visit was a genuine asset and served to indicate once again your firm grasp of all phases of operations at German Bureau. Such devotion to duty can only serve as the highest example to all personnel at German Bureau.

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Sincerely,

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Chief, German Bureau, FBIS

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EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENT

A. Teletype:

1. 2 ea Gear shift, 3 speed 60, 67, and 100 WPM, 7.42 unit code for M-28 ASR on printer and TD unit and 28 KSR 195415.
2. 1 ea Kit, modification, to provide cabinet and enclosures for teletype cabinets type LBAC 229 BR, LBAC 242 BR, and LBAC 243 BR.

B. Other Equipment:

3 ea Air conditioner, 1 hp., 8600 BTU cooling capacity, 230 volts, 50 cycles. Serial Nos. 46441423, 464418668, 46441475.